

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION

WILLIAM CHARLES COOPER,  
TDCJ #1180768,  
Petitioner,

V.

DOUG DRETKE, Director,  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice -  
Correctional Institutions Division,  
Respondent.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. H-06-1946

## ORDER OF DISMISSAL

Pending before the Court is a petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed by state inmate William Charles Cooper. It appears that this petition, along with the supporting memorandum and the motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* (Doc. #1, #3, and #4), were intended for filing in another federal habeas corpus proceeding that is already pending in this district. *See Cooper v. Dretke*, Civil Action No. H-06-1862 (S.D. Tex.). Because the present case duplicates this previously filed habeas corpus proceeding, the Court concludes that this action must be closed as improvidently filed.

Therefore, it is **ORDERED** that this case (Civil Action No. H-06-1946) is **DISMISSED** as duplicative without prejudice to reconsideration in Civil Action No. H-06-1862.

It is further **ORDERED** that the pending motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* (Doc. #4) is **MOOT**.

In addition, so that the petitioner will not be prejudiced, the Clerk's Office is  
**ORDERED** to file copies of all of the pleadings in this case (Doc. #1, #3, and #4) with the  
petitioner's previously filed habeas corpus proceeding in Civil Action No. H-06-1862.

The Clerk shall provide a copy of this order to the parties.

SIGNED at Houston, Texas, on June 9, 2006.

  
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Nancy F. Atlas  
United States District Judge